April 10, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group

FROM: Jim Hull, Mesa, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, April 25, 2002, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group (TAG) will be held at the time and place noted above. Members of the Telecommunications Advisory Group may attend **in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG site by end of day Friday, April 19, 2002. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call 602-261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 624824 (MAGTAG) on your telephone key pad) followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

If you are attending in person, please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or 10 people for the MAGTAG. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Heidi Pahl at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

ADVISORY GROUP ACTION REQUESTED

1.   Call to Order

2. MAGTAG Funded Projects from Previous Requests

MAG staff will review the draft FY2003 Work Program and all the currently funded and carry forward MAGTAG projects. An update will be provided.

2. For information, discussion and possible action.

3. Review of Strategic Planning Facilitation and Brainstorming Session

At the last meeting, MAGTAG members contributed their ideas on possible agenda items and additional projects through June 2003. A facilitator assisted the group in identifying and prioritizing tasks the TAG would like to accomplish in the next 18 months. (See Attachment One, Facilitation and Brainstorming Notes). Committee members will be asked to group these ideas and choose which of the topics to focus on in addition to the three already funded projects.

3. For information, discussion and possible action.

4. MAGTAG Projects Update

An update on the following MAGTAG projects will be given:
1. Regional Community Network Study
2. Regional Videoconferencing System

4. For information and discussion.

5. Informational Session

One agenda item each meeting will be devoted to an informational telecommunication issue. For this informational session, Al Macaluso, Arizona Manager for Qwest Government and Education Solutions, will provide an overview on Qwest Communications short and long term plans for items such as product offerings, service and public relations.

5. For information and discussion.

6. Announcements and Public Input

An opportunity will be provided to Committee members and members of the public to address the MAGTAG.

7. Meetings

MAGTAG meetings are held once a month. Committee members will be requested for input on frequency of TAG meetings, full meetings vs. sub-team meetings, etc.

Currently, the next meeting of the MAGTAG is scheduled for May 23, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the MAG Saguaro room. The remainder of scheduled meetings for 2002 are as follows:

June 27, 2002
July 25, 2002
August 22, 2002
September 26, 2002
October 24, 2002
November 21, 2002
December 19, 2002

6. For information and discussion.

7. For discussion and possible action.